

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS. BY HON. ROGER NOEL. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

This is a narrative poem in four short books, by an English gentleman who has obtained some reputation in his own country as a writer of graceful verses. The bulk of it is in blank verse, interspersed with lyrics which are suggested by the theme. The story relates how a young man of high title loves an humble maiden, marries her in opposition to the wishes of his family, and takes her to reside in Italy. During the absence of the husband from home for a few days, the wife is lured on board of a yacht by a French duke, who is notorious for his profligacy, and is forcibly carried to Corsica and imprisoned in the castle of the abductor. The husband follows, and, with the assistance of a Corsican servant of the duke, he finds an opportunity to obtain access to his wife's place of confinement. While waiting for an opportunity to enter the castle, however, he meets the libertine in a lonely spot, and the two men engage in a death struggle, which results in the duke being hurled down a precipice. The husband then secures his wife and carries her on board of a felucca, but before reaching their home she dies of a broken heart, and the husband becomes insane.

Mr. Noel's blank verse cannot be considered good, whether judged by the standard of Milton or Tennyson, both of whom he has, perhaps unconsciously, imitated. It is full of violent inversions, and at times it is difficult to decipher the real meaning. The story, however, is well told, and some passages show a real power, which, however, is often obscured by that delicate style that Tennyson has done so much to introduce, and which, although admirable in its way in the hands of the master, is anything but pleasing when attempted by his imitators. "Beatrice" is a clever work by a gentleman of refinement and culture, but it will not take any very high rank among the poetry of the day.

Of a much higher grade than the above is George Eliot's new poem, "How Lisa loved the King," which we have reviewed in Turner Brothers & Co. The "Decameron" is an inexhaustible storehouse of subjects for the poets and dramatists, and the wonderful old Italian tales, like the classic fables of Greece, appear to be gifted with perennial youth, and to glow with a fresh grace and beauty under whatever shape they are revived. George Eliot has plucked one of Boccaccio's white lilies, and she has reproduced one of the most graceful stories of the naughty but delightful old Italian in strong, harmonious, but delicate and tender verse, which gives it an additional charm. George Eliot is never a copyist, and her verse is as free in flow, and as emphatically her own, as is the eloquent prose which is, and always will be, a delight to those who appreciate the glorious capabilities of the English language. George Eliot follows Boccaccio literally in the telling of the story, and as a specimen of her treatment of the subject, we quote the following passage, descriptive of the interview between the King and Lisa:

"The King advised: 'Twere dole to all of us, The world should lose a maid so true and true. Let me see her, since I am her lord, Her spirit must wage war with death at my strong word.'

In such half-serious playfulness, he wends, With Lisa's father and two chosen friends, Up to the chamber where she sits in state, Watching the door that opening admits. A presence as much better than her dreams, As happiness than any longing seems. The king advanced, and with a reverent kiss Upon her hand, said, 'Lady, what is this? You, whose sweet voice should others' silence be, Pierce all our hearts, languishing piteously. We pray you, for the love of us, be cleared, Nor be too reckless of that life, endowed To us who know your passing worthiness. And count your blooming life as part of our life's bliss.'

"These words, that touch upon her hand from him, Whom her soul worshipped, as the seraphim, Wreath the distant glory, brought some shame, Quivering upon her cheek, yet thrilled her from Within such deep joy she seemed in paradise. In wondering gladness, and in dumb surprise, That bliss could be so blissful. Then she spoke: 'Signior, I would not seek to be the wife of the Golden yoke, of thoughts too great for me. That was the ground of my infidelity. But now I pray your grace to have belief That I shall soon be well, nor any more, misgiving.'

"The king alone perceived the covert sense Of all her words, which made one evidence, With her pure voice and candid loveliness, That he had lost much honor, however less. That message of her passionate distress, He said beside her for a little while, With gentle looks and speech, until a smile As pensive as a ray of early morn. On opening flowers—'over her lips was home. When he had let her speak, and he had said, 'Through all the town, boy he had visited, The Tuscan trader's daughter, who was sick, Men said it was a royal deed, and outside, 'And Lisa? She no longer wished for death, But as a poet, who sweet verses saith, Within his soul, and joys in music there, Nor seeks another heaven, nor can bear Disturbing pleasures, so was she content. Breathing the life of great sentiment, She thought no maid betrothed could be more blest; For treasure must be valued by the best, Of highest excellence and rarity. And her dear joy was best as best could be. There seemed no other crown her delight. Now the high loved one saw her love aright. Thus her soul thriving on that exquisite mood, Spread like the May-time all its beautiful good. Over the soft bloom of neck and arms and cheek, And surrounded the cheek body, once so weak, Until she rose and walked, and like a bird, With sweetly rippling throat, she made her spring joys heard.'

As a paraphrase of Boccaccio this poem is, perhaps, not equal to the efforts in the same line of Keats, Longfellow or Swinburne, but it falls but little short of them, and it does work that the lovers of poetry can afford to keep by them for repeated perusal.

From D. Ashmead we have received "Count Robert of Paris," the twenty-fourth volume of the twenty-five cent edition of the Waverley novels; also, the fourth bound volume of the same series, containing "Heart of Mid Lothian," "Count Robert of Paris," "Fair Maid of Perth," and "Woodstock." The poetical works of Henry Kirke White, a poet but little known in these days, but who has written some things that well deserve to live, are given in a neat and attractive shape for the low price of fifty cents. "The Elements of Latin Grammar," by Professor Albert Harkness, of Brown University, is intended as an elementary manual in the study of Latin, and the author's design has been to promote a systematic arrangement of the great facts and laws of the Latin language, and to exhibit not only the grammatical forms, but also the vital principles which underlie, control, and explain them. The work appears to be well adapted for the purposes of an elementary textbook. "Tommy Try, and what he did in Science," by Charles Otley Groon Napier, is a presentation of a great number of interesting facts in science and natural history in the form

of a lively and amusing narrative. The work is handsomely illustrated, and it will prove both entertaining and instructive to young readers. From Porter & Coates we have received "Evelyn's Mistake," by Mrs. Mary J. Holmes. This is an interesting story by a popular writer, who understands the art of weaving an interesting plot and securing the sympathies of her readers. The New York Tribune, the recognized organ of British opinion in the United States, has recently passed into the hands of Mr. Kinalan Cornwallis, as proprietor and editor, and under its new management still maintains its high tone and excellence, both as a newspaper and literary journal. The very large English element of the population of this country look to the weekly visits of the Tribune as to the mother country, finding in its columns the gist of home news and gossip which loses none of its interest by the interposition of the ocean. Editorially the Tribune is temperate and candid, and its opinion on any international subject is entitled to and receives great weight among our thinking classes. The Tribune is published at No. 39 Park Row, New York city, at \$6 per annum, with very liberal inducements for the formation of clubs.

National Orphan's Homestead. AN APPEAL IN ITS BEHALF. To the Ladies of Philadelphia.—The undersigned begs to announce that she has been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to prosecute the raising of an auxiliary, contingent, and endowment fund for the National Orphan's Homestead at Gettysburg. Appeal is made to the loyal ladies of Philadelphia, as among the first and most constant, the most sympathetic and untriflingly active, through all the years of the past perilous struggle. To these appeal is made, and to patriotic Christian women generally, whom the soldier pronounced blessed, alike in the comforted camp, upon the long march, in the lulling fury of the battle, in the cruel prison, and on the couch of death.

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Soldiers' Orphans are now inmates at the Homestead from 2700 States in the Union, while the Institution has received aid from neither the National or State Governments, except its charter from Pennsylvania.

R. J. TIMMER, Directress, etc. No. 2043 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, May 21, 1869.

TRAGEDY. A Madman Spects his Family in their Coaches—His Escape from a Terrible Home—The Motive for the Deed.

The New York Sun of yesterday prints the following: Early yesterday morning a terrible tragedy was enacted in the rear basement of No. 141 Stanton street, which will probably result in the death of Philip Koebel's wife and child. The rear basement was inhabited by Koebel's family in a small room about twelve feet square and ground, and the property lighted and ventilated. Behind the door, and against the wall, is a bedstead, which was never a place of repose, and now is covered with blood. By the side of the bed are two chairs, one of which is made up a bed for a child, and a wretched cot. From the bed, and taking a loaded double-barrelled pistol in his hand, first went to the girl's bed and discharged one of the barrels into her forehead, the bullet apparently lodging in the brain. The second barrel was discharged at the sleeping wife, the bullet striking the frontal bone and passing down the left cheek. The reports awoke the two boys, and the madman father pulled the trigger, aiming at them, but the barrels had both been emptied. The boys then sprang from the bed and rushed out in search of an officer. It is supposed that Koebel then reloaded his pistol and discharged the contents of both barrels into his left breast. He then fled into the yard at the rear of the premises and threw the pistol into the sink.

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THE MURDERER'S FLIGHT. Evidently Koebel, from the yard, had observed the arrival of the officer, for while Bohle was in the room, which was but for a minute, the assassin dashed through the doorway into the street, and in Stanton street toward the Bowery, but he was overtaken by Bohle before reaching Norfolk street. By this time internal hemorrhage had so far weakened him that he could offer but a feeble resistance. The officer took him to the Eldridge Street Police Station, and there he said that he expected and sought for no mercy, as he had intended to kill the whole family. It being clear that he was fast sinking, a carriage was procured, Koebel and the wife and child were then taken to Bellevue Hospital.

KOEBEL'S STORY. Koebel says that many years ago his wife solemnly renounced him, and everything she could lay her hands upon, and that her impudience drove him to drink. He adds that his wife's passion for display led her to pawn everything in his house, even to his clothing. About six years ago she renounced him, according to Koebel, on account of his wife's infidelity. During their separation Mrs. Koebel is said to have lived with some other man. Koebel and wife lived apart about four years, and then resumed their marital relations, although quarrelling frequently, and sometimes fighting. The husband asserted and insisted that Birdie was not his child, and that Catherine had herself acknowledged as such. In fact, he seemed to have become a slave of both jealousy and drink. The two boys, he said, were allowed to run wild, and mother being unwilling that they should attend school. The police confirm this charge against the mother, and say that the boys associated with the worst of the Tenth Ward loafers, and have long been in a bad way for the State. Koebel attributes all his troubles to his wife, and looks upon the pawnshops as the first cause of all his misery.

MORE IRRITATION. Another Subject for Gaidwin Smith's Consideration.

Here is the Chicago Times, now, actually proposing that Chicago shall seize upon the capital of Japan! This is a very serious matter. The Times says: "We of this continent, and particularly we of Chicago, should turn our attention westward. Our first objective point should be, not Salt Lake city, or San Francisco, but Jeddo, in distant Nippon. Here we should locate our city, and throw up our outer works. Here should we establish the base from which to operate against Asia. Here, by stretching out one hand, could we grasp Peking, while with the other we could possess ourselves of the treasures of the islands of the East Indies.

"Let Chicago seize upon Jeddo. By this movement, we would flank Russia in the rear of Europe, and possess ourselves of the future domain of that empire which westward takes its way." Mr. Smith must see in this nothing less than an astute and deep-laid plan for the invasion of England. The British empire is to be attacked in the rear; a flank march from Chicago is to circumvent John Bull; here England may see the dreadful consequences of Mr. Sumner's speech, and of their refusal to pay our national debt. "Don't irritate the animals" ought to be written over the American continent. So furious is the rage of the Chicago people that, as will be seen in the extract from the Times, they propose not merely to seize the Japanese capital, but, as a last indignity, to change its name from Yedo to Jeddo.—N. Y. Post.

A Pertinent Question. Will the writer who periodically exclaims to us, "What becomes of all the pinks?" kindly inform us what becomes of all the expeditions to Cuba that have been fitting out within a fortnight? The New York World saw two thousand fighting filibustering Cubans dine at a hotel in New York last week, here Englishmen may see their shoulders and streamers flying for Cuba, and had minute rumors of numerous expeditions, ships, guns, and men to the number of 10,000, 8000, or 14,000, or whatever number might finish up the story to best advantage, all on their way to Cuba last week. Yet none of these expeditions. The World is really lying under an obligation to know what became of all these men. If it had counted 10,000 men when there was only one man, that would have been exaggeration. But to count 10,000 men when there are none is a crime, and a much graver moral offense.—Chicago Tribune.

The Gaines Suit. In New Orleans, on the 1st of June, Justice Wayne is to sit and order the enforcement of the mandate of the Supreme Court affirming Mrs. Gaines' right to her immense and noted estate; a mandate which Judge Durell has unaccountably refused to obey, and has the order to execute which being final, will, in the opinion of the lady's attorneys, result in such offers of liberal compensation, and the lady wishes to enforce her decree, as he proposes to do in June, and the end of the cause celebre is probable.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

LECTURE ON LIGHT WITH BILLIARD EXPERIENCES, UNDER THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, AT THE BATHING PLACE, ON FRIDAY EVENING, June 1st, 8 o'clock. Tickets to all parts of the house, 50 cents; for sale at the Institute Building, No. 8 SEVENTH STREET. Seats secured without charge.

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CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE To authorize the erection of a Temporary Church edifice, corner of Twentieth and Montrose streets. The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Rev. James Reilly, pastor of the Catholic Church of St. Charles Borromeo, be and he is hereby authorized to erect a temporary wooden church edifice on the corner of Twentieth and Montrose streets, for the use of the congregation during the erection of the church, corner of Twentieth and Christian streets; and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the above be and they are hereby repealed, provided that the sum of twenty-five dollars be first paid to the City Treasurer for the publication of this resolution; and provided further, that the permission hereby granted shall be revocable by the city of Philadelphia at its option, indicated by the passage of a resolution without notice.

JOSEPH F. MARCER, President of Common Council. Attest: ROBERT BETHELL, Assistant Clerk of Select Council. WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Select Council. Approved this twenty-fourth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine (A. D. 1869).

RESOLUTION Resolving the Use of Independence Hall to Hon. Andrew G. Curtin. Whereas, Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, the honored late Governor of Pennsylvania, is about to depart from among us on a highly important diplomatic mission. Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Mayor of the city is hereby authorized and requested to tender to him the use of Independence Hall for the purpose of receiving the farewell of our citizens, at such time as may be convenient to him.

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